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## ENJOY THE FREEDOM

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority launched its first regional public information campaign last December, in partnership with Broward County Transit, Miami-Dade Transit, Palm Tran and Tri-Rail. The "Enjoy the Freedom" Campaign encouraged residents of Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties to visit more than 200 participating McDonald's locations in the tri-county area to receive more information on public transportation.

As a result, more than 1,300 consumers took advantage of Tri-Rail's free ticket offer, and four winners were selected as recipients of free McDonald's for one year.

Richard Bedrin and Anouska Greene (pictured left) were two of four winners awarded with McDonald's for one year, as part of the SFRTA's "Enjoy the Freedom" Campaign. The other two lucky winners were Andrea Brooks and Simone Melville (not pictured).

The campaign was funded by a generous grant from the Florida Department of Transportation.

## NEW STOCK ROLLS INTO TOWN TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL SERVICE

Passengers can expect to see some new equipment in the next month or so when the new double-deck Diesel Multiple Unit from Colorado Railcar is put into service. Additionally, two remanufactured locomotives will return from Kansas City, Missouri, where they were rebuilt by Mid-America Car Incorporated. This DMU was photographed during pre-revenue testing along the South Florida Rail Corridor earlier this month.



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The latest news from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, a partnership between Broward, Miami-Dade & Palm Beach counties.

## GOVERNOR BUSH DECLARES TRAIN SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK APRIL 16-22

The statistics are grim and chilling. In 2004, there were 20 highway/rail grade-crossing fatalities and 22 pedestrian/trespassing fatalities in Florida, alone. Another 48 individuals suffered injuries from incidents involving people versus trains. Nationwide, at least 849 people were killed and 1,432 were injured during that same year. Approximately every two hours, a vehicle, pedestrian or some form of debris is struck by a train in the United States.

Railroad tracks, trestles, train yards and railroad equipment are private property and, as such, trespassers are subject to arrest and/or fines. Too often, however, trespassers pay a much higher price and die as a result of their actions. It takes an average train traveling at 55 mph more than a mile to stop, once the emergency brakes are applied. That's approximately the length of 18 football fields.

The South Florida Rail Corridor, on which Tri-Rail, Amtrak and CSX Transportation trains operate, has 72 crossings along 72 miles of track. Add the numerous trestles and bridges along the corridor and the potential for disaster is enormous. Acknowledging these potential dangers, Governor Bush has declared Train Safety Awareness Week beginning April 16. TSAW was created to promote education about dangers surrounding railroads and to involve law-enforcement personnel in the process.

During the safety blitz, pedestrians and drivers will be given information about train

(Right) Fortunately, the driver and her two dogs survived this crash at the Prospect Road crossing in Ft. Lauderdale.

(Below) Many SFRTA staff members have become certified Operation Lifesaver presenters to help spread the word about train safety, including Victor Garcia who lent a helping hand at TSAW 2005.



coordinated by Operation Lifesaver's South Florida Chapter and involve all levels of staff from the SFRTA and partnering agencies.

TSAW brings together local police departments and emergency-response teams for seven days of safety blitzes at crossings that are of particular concern. This year's TSAW comes at a particularly critical time, with the newly enhanced Tri-Rail schedule offering a 33 percent increase in service.

If you would like to schedule a school or community presentation for your group, in English or Spanish, contact Mike Elias, Operation Lifesaver's South Florida regional coordinator at 954-214-1372 or [melias@herzogcompanies.com](mailto:melias@herzogcompanies.com).

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## EL GOBERNADOR BUSH DECLARA LA SEMANA DEL 16 AL 22 DE ABRIL COMO SEMANA DE TOMA DE CONCIENCIA SOBRE LA SEGURIDAD FERROVIARIA

**L**as estadísticas son crudas y escalofriantes. En el 2004 hubo en Florida más de 20 víctimas fatales en accidentes de autopista/paso a nivel y 22 víctimas fatales de peatones/cruce por lugares no permitidos. Otras 48 personas sufrieron lesiones en incidentes donde se vieron involucradas personas y trenes. En todo el país, al menos 849 personas murieron y 1432 resultaron heridas durante el mismo año. En los Estados Unidos, cada dos horas aproximadamente un vehículo, un peatón o algún tipo de escombro es arrollado por un tren.

Las vías del tren, los caballetes, los espacios verdes junto a las vías del tren y el equipamiento ferroviario son propiedad privada y en consecuencia, aquellos que entren sin autorización serán multados y/o arrestados. Sin embargo, a menudo los intrusos deben pagar un precio más alto y mueren como resultado de sus actos. A un tren común que viaja a 55 mph le toma más de una milla detenerse luego de que se hayan aplicado los frenos de emergencia. Aproximadamente el largo de 18 campos de fútbol.

El Corredor Ferroviario del Sur de Florida, donde operan los trenes de Tri-Rail, Amtrak y CSX Transportation, cuenta con 71 pasos a nivel en sus 72 millas de vías. Si a eso se le suman los tantos caballetes y puentes con que cuenta el corredor, la probabilidad de accidentes es enorme. El Gobernador Bush reconoce estos peligros potenciales y por lo tanto ha declarado la Semana de Toma de Conciencia sobre la Seguridad Ferroviaria (TSAW por sus siglas en inglés), a partir del 16 de Abril. La TSAW se utilizará para fomentar la educación sobre los peligros relacionados con las vías del tren y para involucrar a todo el personal de las fuerzas de seguridad en este proceso.

Durante esta campaña intensiva de seguridad, los peatones y los conductores recibirán información sobre las normas de seguridad ferroviarias y quienes las violen recibirán una citación judicial y multas de tránsito. El año pasado más de un millón de residentes y visitantes recibieron el mensaje de seguridad a través de métodos de llegada voluntaria, así como también por medio de la radio y la televisión, y de artículos publicados, gracias al gran apoyo prestado



Debris from the recent incident at Prospect Road covered both tracks and delayed trains for hours.

por los medios gráficos y electrónicos.

Los esfuerzos que la Autoridad de Transporte Regional del Sur de la Florida (SFRTA por sus siglas en inglés) realiza para promover la TSAW son coordinados por la Operación Salvavidas de la sección Sur de Florida e involucra a todos los niveles del staff de la SFRTA y las agencias asociadas. La TSAW reune a los departamentos municipales de policía y los equipos de emergencias durante siete días intensivos de seguridad en los pasos a nivel que representen una preocupación. La TSAW de este año llega en un momento especialmente crítico, con el nuevo incremento del 33% en el servicio de Tri-Rail.

Si usted desea organizar una presentación para su grupo en inglés o en español, contáctese con Mike Elias, coordinador regional de Operación Salvavidas del Sur de Florida al 954-214-1372 ó melias@herzogcompanies.com.

### GOUVENE BUSH DEKLARE 16-22 AVRIL KAP VINI LA SEMEN VIGILANS SOU SEKIRITE NAN TREN

**S**if kin sôti nan statistik bay anpil kè soté. Nan lané 2004, té gen 20 aksidan fatal koté tren fè kolizyon ak machine ki tap travèré ray tren yo é 22 moun jwen lammò lè yo tap ese yé travèré pandan tren yan ap vini, nan Floride sèlman. Gen yon lot 48 moun ki blésé grave lè tren yan frapé yo. Nan tout peyi ya gen omwen 849 moun ki mouri sou 1,432. Apepré chak 2 zèd tan gen yon machine, yon pyéton ou yon débri kélkonk kè tren frapé nan péyi Etaziny.

Ray tren, poto koté yo posé ray tren yo, zone koté tren yo remisé è ekipman chemen fè pasé kòm byen privé, yon moun kal touché bagay sa yo san otorizasyon kap al nan prizon è péyé gwo amand. Trò

souvan moun ki pas respekté bagay sa yo fin pa payé yon pigwo pri lé yo pèdi lavi yo. Li pran yon tren kap kouri a 55 mil alè plis ké (1) yon mil pou'l frennen. Se apepré longè 18 teren football kolé ansam.

Sou South Florida Rail Corridor koté tren Tri-Rail, Amtrak è CSX Transportation yo pasé, gen 72 travèré sou yon chemin fè ki gen 72 mil nan longè. Lè ou ajouté tout poto koté ray tren yo posé è latré pon ki nan koridò a gen anpil chans pou gen gwo aksidan. Lè li kalkilé gwo danjé sa yo Gouvènè Bush dékläré semen kap komansé 16 avril kap vini la Semen Vigilans sou Skirité nan Tren (Train Safety Awareness Week, TSAW). Yo kreyé Semen Vigilans sou Skirité nan Tren (TSAW) pou yo kap fé moun konnen è ediké yo sou danjé ki genyen nan transpò tren épí tou fé lapolis patisipé nan aktivité sa.

Pandan semen gwo operasyon sou sekirite nan tren sa-a, pyeton ak chofè ap recevwa infòmasyon sou sekirite nan tren è moun ki posé akt ilegal ap pran kontravansyon. Ané pasé, plis ké yon milion residan è visite tandé mesaj sekirité sa pa fillié ajans volontè kap difizé infòmasyon, té genyen radyo, televizyon è atiklé ki té pibilyé sou jounal, gran mèsi pou gwo sipò ke nou té jwen nan men laprès ekri è elektronik.

Gwo épò sa-a ké South Florida Regional Transportation Authority ap deployé pou li pwomouwva Semen Vigilans sou Skirité nan Tren (Train Safety Awareness Week, TSAW) ap dirijé pa Operation Lifesaver's South



## NEW TRI-RAIL SCHEDULE IN TIME FOR TWO OF SOUTH FLORIDA'S LARGEST OUTDOOR EVENTS



Tri-Rail passengers now have the option of choosing from 10 additional weekday trains since the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority increased its operations from 30 to 40 trains per day, last month. Additionally, passengers can now enjoy more trains on the weekends and shorter times between trains – just in time for SunFest and the Air & Sea Show®, both scheduled for the first weekend in May!

### SUNFEST MAY 4 - 7\*, WEST PALM BEACH

Don't miss SunFest 2006, Florida's largest music, art and waterfront festival! Come out and enjoy a host of activities, including a phenomenal fireworks presentation, arts and crafts shows and musical performances by local and national acts such as Carrie Underwood, Fefe Dobson, Michael Bolton, Bruce Hornsby, Duncan Sheik, Omarion, Fiona Apple, Ashlee Simpson, Mavis Staples, Train and Lynyrd Skynyrd. Join all of the food, fun and festivities that SunFest has to offer!

Purchase a special one-day advance SunFest/Tri-Rail ticket and save! You get a one-day admission for SunFest, plus a roundtrip Tri-Rail ticket for just \$17. The SunFest/Tri-Rail "One-Price Ticket" is available for purchase online at [www.sunfest.com](http://www.sunfest.com), the SunFest Store in Downtown West Palm Beach and at Tri-Rail stations.

Tri-Rail has 18 convenient train stations throughout Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties. During SunFest, Tri-Rail will run regularly scheduled trains, with the addition of one special late-night southbound train departing the West Palm Beach Station at 10:53 p.m. on Friday, May 5.

For more information about SunFest, visit [www.sunfest.com](http://www.sunfest.com) or call 561-659-5980 or 1-800-SUNFEST. For additional shuttle information call 1-800-TRI-RAIL.



Carrie Underwood (top), Ashlee Simpson (center) and Train (bottom) will all be performing at SunFest 2006.

### AIR & SEA SHOW® MAY 6 - 7, FT. LAUDERDALE

Join McDonald's® as they present their National Salute to America's Heroes™, including the McDonald's® Air & Sea Show! Celebrate the 12th anniversary of the show, Saturday, May 6 through Sunday, May 7 on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Free to the public, this two-day extravaganza will feature the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and the Canadian Forces Snowbirds jet teams, military rescue operations, boat races and more. For more information, visit [www.airseashow.com](http://www.airseashow.com).

You can use Tri-Rail as the way to go to the McDonald's® Air & Sea Show®. Take Tri-Rail to the Ft. Lauderdale Station and catch Tri-Rail's free shuttle bus (passengers must show a valid Tri-Rail ticket to board the free shuttle). As part of Fleet Week 2006, May 1 - 7, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority/Tri-Rail will offer free rides onboard Tri-Rail for all active military personnel. A current, active military identification must be presented to confirm eligibility.

In addition to Tri-Rail's free shuttle service, Broward County Transit will provide shuttle-bus service to the McDonald's® Air & Sea Show® on Saturday, May 6 through Sunday, May 7 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The cost for the roundtrip shuttle service is \$3 for adults and children. Children under 40 inches in height ride free.

BCT will offer two different shuttle routes to this event. The park-and-ride shuttles will travel on two separate routes directly to Sunrise Boulevard at the Intracoastal bridge area. The blue line shuttle route can be accessed in Downtown Fort Lauderdale on Southeast First Avenue between Broward Boulevard and Southeast Second Street. Parking is available in the City of Fort Lauderdale parking garage. The red line shuttle route can be accessed at Holiday Park, located at Federal Highway and Nininger Drive. Parking is available near Parker Playhouse in Holiday Park. There is an additional parking cost at both locations.

For more information, call BCT customer service at 954-357-8400, or go to [www.broward.org/bct](http://www.broward.org/bct).